

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
ALONZO W. BEASLEY, JR.



Serial No: 10/684,639

Examiner: Singh, Arti R.

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Art Unit: 1771

Title: MOTOR VEHICLE AIRBAG AND
FABRIC FOR USE IN SAME

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2004 in relation to the above-identified application. Favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

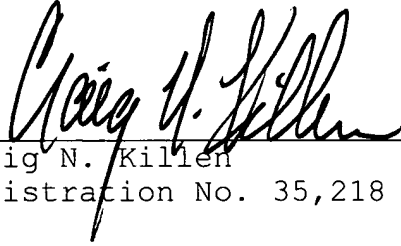
Claims 1-24, 26 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,455,449 to Veiga et al. Claims 25, 27 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Veiga. Applicant is submitting herewith a Declaration Under Rule 131 indicating that the present invention was made by Applicant prior to the filing date of the Veiga reference. Accordingly, the Veiga reference is not available as prior art under Section 102(e) and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Inasmuch as all outstanding issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, including claims 1-29, is in condition

for allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should any minor issues remain after consideration of the above amendment, to permit early resolution of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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